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Newport I. of Wight July 25th 1851

Dear Sir

As Secretary of the Southern Unitarian Society, I beg to forward you the accompanying Resolutions passed at the fifteenth Annual Meeting of this Society held at Wareham Dorsetshire on the 9th of July the Rev Hugh Hutton, M.A. of Southampton in the Chair:

On the motion of the Rev Edmund Kell (of Newport, I.) seconded by the Rev John Porter (of Ringwood, Hants), it was resolved unanimously:

"That this Meeting, regarding Slavery as an open violation of the eternal laws of God, and of the inalienable rights of Man views with the deepest horror the enactment

of the Fugitive Slave law as tending to
prolong and aggravate that enormous evil
involving in its guilt that portion of the
United States hitherto regarded as the land
of the Free; and it embraces this opportunity
of expressing the warmth of its sympathy
with those brethren of the same pure faith
in America, who have so nobly come forward
to avow their resolution to suffer the penalty
of the Law rather than comply with its
cruel and unholy requisitions, with its
earnest prayer that they may be supported
in their arduous struggle in favor of
human rights by that All Gracious Being
who though He may subject His servants
to much tribulation, will, we are assured,
abundantly recompense every work of
faith and labour of love."

On the motion of Mr Bisbee (of
Dorchester) seconded by the Rev A. M Walker
(of Wareham) it was resolved unanimously.

That this Resolution be transmitted to the Rev Samuel May jun^r of Boston U.S. with the request that he will communicate its contents to their brethren who have coöperated with them in the same righteous Cause."

I forwarded to you an "Liberator" Newspaper containing the above resolutions, and have also sent a copy of them to the "Christian Reformer". I think I may say that the principles embodied in them [illegible] is universal among the Unitarians of this country, and I fervently pray that ere long it will be universal also with our brethren in America, to which the efforts of yourself and the friends alluded to will be eminently instrumental. I shall hope to be favored with a line acknowledging the receipt of these resolutions, and with the appearance of sincere esteem, believe me dear Sir

Yours very faithfully
Edmund Kell

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by Rev. F. Bishop)

Nov. 29. 1852.